

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on April 7, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 345, 4/4/2017; SB 367, 4/4/2017; SB 376, 4/4/2017

00:01:14 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON SB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:24 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 367, Generally revise infrastructure funding laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:05 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting
 00:10:44 Director Dan Villa, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
 00:12:17 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 00:13:50 Tracy Ellig, Montana State University (MSU)
 00:15:47 Dillon Ecord, Association Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)
 00:16:30 Jennifer Olson, Department of Commerce (COM)

[EXHIBIT\(aph73a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph73a02\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT\(aph73a10\)](#)

00:17:57 Tom O'Connell, Department of Administration (DOA)
 00:18:30 Derrick Stringer, Livingston School District
 00:20:21 Keith Campbell, Miles City Unified Schools
 00:23:32 Craig Erickson, City of Roundup, Jefferson County Stillwater County, Blaine County
 00:24:17 Joe Gaylord, Grass Range School
 00:25:45 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
 00:27:21 Rep. Tschida joined the meeting
 00:28:35 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA), Montana Rural Education Association (MREA) *
 00:31:28 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive, City of Colstrip

[EXHIBIT\(aph73a11\)](#)

00:32:55 Heidi Jensen, City of Laurel
 00:33:54 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 00:34:19 Dan Rostad, Sweetgrass County Conservation District
 00:35:02 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
 00:35:28 Sharon Haugen, City of Helena
 00:36:09 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
 00:37:09 Jennifer James, American Institute of Architects (AIA)
 00:37:39 Greg Wirth, Staley Engineering
 00:38:10 Robie Culver, Staley Engineering
 00:38:47 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:41 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LSD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:08 Rep. Ellis
00:41:14 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:41:19 Rep. Knokey
00:43:34 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:43:54 Rep. Hamlett
00:45:08 Sen. Moore
00:45:25 Rep. Hamlett
00:45:36 Rep. Keane
00:45:54 Rep. Jones
00:46:52 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:47:13 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:47:38 Rep. Jones
00:48:33 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:48:58 Rep. Holmlund
00:49:15 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:49:33 Rep. Holmlund
00:49:38 Chair Ballance
00:49:53 Rep. Burnett
00:52:40 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:53:14 Rep. Burnett
00:53:44 Sen. Moore
00:53:55 Rep. Lynch
00:54:02 Rep. Glimm
00:55:12 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
00:56:49 Rep. Knokey
00:58:40 Cathy Duncan
01:00:20 Rep. Holmlund
01:02:11 Tracey Ellig, MSU
01:03:06 Rep. Tschida
01:05:21 Tracey Ellig, MSU
01:05:56 Rep. Burnett
01:07:19 Tracey Ellig, MSU

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:06 Sen. Moore

HEARING ON SB 345**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:12:49 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 345, Provide for high deductible health insurance thru reimbursements and tax credits.

[EXHIBIT\(aph73a12\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:58 Kendall Cotton, Office of State Auditor (ASO)
01:22:04 Riley Johnson, American Federation of Independent Insurance *

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:13 Rep. Ellis
01:25:43 Sen. Smith
01:26:42 Rep. Peppers
01:27:00 Sen. Smith
01:28:05 Rep. Woods
01:28:23 Sen. Smith
01:29:23 Chair Ballance
01:29:31 Rep. Woods
01:29:44 Sen. Smith
01:30:09 Chair Ballance relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Brodehl
01:30:31 Rep. Tschida
01:31:00 Sen. Smith
01:31:05 Chair Brodehl relinquished the Chair to Rep. Glimm
01:31:15 Rep. Ellis
01:32:12 Sen. Smith
01:34:58 Rep. Ellis
01:35:22 Vice Chair McCarthy
01:37:23 Sen. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:47 Sen. Smith

HEARING ON SB 376**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:41:44 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 376, Revise lodging facility use tax to construct MHC.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:23 Director Bruce Whittenberg, Montana Historical Society (MHS)
[EXHIBIT\(aph73a13\)](#)

01:56:38 Steve Wahrlich, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
[EXHIBIT\(aph73a14\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(aph73a15\)](#)

02:01:52 Lt. Governor Mike Cooney, Governor's Office
02:03:03 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce
02:04:19 Bryan Thompson, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
02:04:54 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)
02:07:04 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

02:07:58 Heidi O'Brien, Visit Helena Montana

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02:09:32 Dick Anderson, Dick Anderson Construction

02:10:58 Crystal Shors, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

02:11:35 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

02:11:51 Morgan Smith, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:12:40 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

02:13:02 Tom O'Connell, Department of Administration

02:13:30 Tom Reilly, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

02:14:01 Jennifer Olson, Department of Commerce (COM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:33 Rep. Ellis

02:16:03 Sen. Cohenour

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02:16:58 Rep. Ellis

02:17:28 Bruce Whittenberg, MHS

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02:29:00 Vice Chair McCarthy

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Closing by Sponsor:

02:30:03 Sen. Cohenour

02:32:56 Vice Chair Brodehl

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:33:28

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph73aad.pdf](#))